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Message from Westminster City Council Regarding Social Distancing and Guidelines for Upcoming Holiday Weekend

WESTMINSTER, Calif. - The following is a message from the Westminster City Council regarding the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) and reminders for social distancing during the Easter holiday weekend:

Dear Westminster Community,

As we approach the Easter weekend, we are reminded of the unique circumstances we currently face in our city, nation, and around the world. The public health crisis surrounding the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) has affected the way we live and how we interact with each other.

Easter weekend has traditionally been met with families and friends observing the holiday together in gatherings in and out of the home. However, in light of the pandemic, we must continue observing the guidelines that our public officials have enacted and practice responsible social distancing.

On behalf of myself and the City Council, to reduce your potential exposure to COVID-19, we would like to remind you of the following guidelines as you look to the weekend:

• **Stay at home.** The State of California is currently under a <u>stay-at-home order</u> with the exception of essential businesses and services. Therefore, public and private gatherings of any number of people occurring outside a single household or living unit is prohibited.

- **Practice social distancing and wear a face mask.** If you must leave the house to perform essential services, such as going to the grocery store, wear a <u>cloth face covering</u>. Face coverings can be purchased or homemade. Stay at least six feet away from other people.
- **Do not gather at our city parks.** Aside from a quick stroll around the park alone or socially distanced with members of your immediate household, do not gather at the parks. All park amenities are currently closed.
- **Order food for delivery.** Check with your favorite restaurant for delivery options instead of picking up your order. This will minimize the need for you to leave your home.
- Report restaurants allowing dine-in. Restaurants are allowed to be open for pick-up and delivery only. Use our reporting form on the city's website or leave a message at (714) 548-3246 if you have a concern. We want everyone to be safe, including open businesses.
- **Practice good hygiene.** Wash your hands frequently and avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.

The City Council and I appreciate the efforts of this community to stay safe and healthy by taking precautionary measures and following the guidance from our public officials.

As we continue to move forward in this ever-changing environment, we ask that you continue supporting one another and we encourage you to reach out to any one of us with your concerns. We also encourage you to continue visiting the <u>city's website</u> for updates and resources and contact staff for assistance.

On behalf of Vice Mayor Kimberly Ho, Council Members Sergio Contreras, Tai Do, and Chi Charlie Nguyen, I want you to know that we are all thinking about you and your families and that we, the Westminster community, will get through this crisis together. Stay healthy and safe.

Thank you.

In service,

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